

UNESCO Director-General condemns killing of journalist Roberto Figueroa in Mexico

Paris, 6 May 2024 – Audrey Azoulay, Director-General of UNESCO, has condemned the killing of journalist Roberto Carlos Figueroa Bustos in Huitzilac City, in the State of Morelos, Mexico, on 26 April.

“I condemn the killing of Roberto Figueroa. Local journalists fulfil an essential role in informing populations and investigating wrongdoing. They must be protected from any form of attack. I urge the authorities to investigate this killing and bring the perpetrators to justice,” said **Audrey Azoulay, UNESCO Director-General.**

Roberto Figueroa was kidnapped and later found killed in his vehicle. He was a local reporter and producer of *Acá en el show*, in which he frequently dealt with topics like corruption.

UNESCO promotes the [safety of journalists](#) through global awareness-raising, capacity building and by coordinating the implementation of the [UN Plan of Action](#) on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

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